

for U. S. Highway 6 between He and Spanish Fork.

Utah Rep. Brad King has been asked to serve as the chairman of an advisory committee to make recommendations addressing non-construction related safety issues in the canyon.

The advisory committee is made up of elected officials and citizens from Carbon, Emery and Utah counties. The panel is supported by professionals from UDOT, the Utah Highway Patrol and the transportation commission.

Members are King, state representative of Price; Mike Dmitrich, state senator of Price; Mike Milovich, Carbon County commissioner; Mike Dalpiaz, Helper mayor; Burt Collins, Carbon County resident; Kathy Justice, Emery County resident; Margaret Dayton, state representative of Orem; Glen Way, state representative of Spanish Fork; Gary Herbert, Utah County commissioner and Dale

According to King, the tour included numerous stops at various sites, including the four future construction projects currently on the state schedule, future suggested projects and spots that have higher than expected crash rates throughout the canyon.

The advisory committee will compile its recommendations and forward the suggestions to the department of transportation, the department of highway safety and the transportation commission.

The recommendations will be made public during a press conference sometime before the first of the year.

"Although the permanent solution is a four-lane highway from Spanish Fork to Helper, there are short-term and comparatively inexpensive steps that should and will be taken immediately. New signage, better enforcement and education will all help in the mean time," explained King.

Dugout confirms layoff

General manager R. W. "Rick" Olsen has announced that a reduction in force will take place at the Dugout Canyon mine before Jan. 1, 2000.

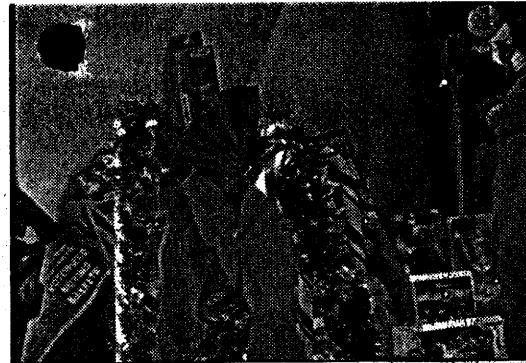
Dugout Canyon will reduce production during 2000 from its 1999 level to meet market requirements. The domestic and export market is currently hampered with oversupply and low pricing.

Dugout Canyon's year 3000 mining plan will reflect additional development of main entries and gate roads with continuous miners for future longwall panels in lieu of installing the longwall mining system in August, 2000 as originally planned. The longwall mining sys-

tem will be delayed one full year to Aug., 2001.

As a result of this change, approximately 34 employees not necessary to implement the 2000 mining plan are currently being temporarily transferred to Canyon Fuel Company's other two operations, the Skyline Mine near Scofield, and the SUFCO Mine near Salina.

Several employees have also accepted temporary transfer to Arch Coal Inc.'s West Elk Mine near Paonia, Colo. However, it will be necessary to provide approximately 18 employees with severance benefits at year end.



Operation Santa Claus is an annual United Way fund drive Christmas for families throughout Carbon and Emery. It was the coordinated effort of United Way's Tarasina

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United Way of Southeastern Utah is conducting its yearly fundraising campaign, to be completed toward the end of February.

The agency has set the goal of \$100,000, commented the program director Tarasina Compagni.

The United Way is an information and referral service as well as a volunteer and family matters center, which, since its inception 19 years ago, has worked to make Carbon and Emery counties a better place to live, work, and raise a family, explained Compagni.

"Carbon County has special people who are willing to pull together to help those in need. We were able to serve 300 needy families this past year, and upon hearing that contributions are down, several businesses called and volunteered to sponsor 10 families for the holidays. Several church groups have also contacted the program to volunteer assistance,"

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Animal shelter reminds residents to license pets

AVID chip pet identification is currently available at the Carbon County Animal Shelter. Hours are Monday to Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Saturday and Sunday, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Dog licenses are due by Jan. 31. For information on fees, contact the county shelter or city business offices.

Club plans community New Year's Eve dance

A potluck New Year's Eve dance is slated Dec. 31 at 9 p.m. at the senior citizens. Party favors will be provided.

Community dances will be presented at the senior citizens at 8 p.m. every other Friday. A live band will play the oldies, fox trots, waltzes, polkas and rumbas.

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